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International Women's Day Conference March 8, 2014 "Being the Change"



Sue Morter

ORANJESTAD -- The fourth edition of what has become an annual event, Aruba International Women's Day Conference, conducted on March 8, is coming up very soon. Established by Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winkelhaar, she announced the line up of guest speakers for this year's all day conference, "Being the Change." As Minister of Education, Family Policy and Adult Education, she is also directing this year's conference to a greater emphasis not only on self-awareness and positive personal action, but also education as a key factor.

This year, they have reduced the number of distinguished speakers to four, allowing them to individually delve more profoundly into their various subjects. International guest speakers include noted for her wit and stimulating presentations. The author of "Getting Waisted," Monica Parker, she is described as "multifaceted" with a successful career in the entertainment industry "born of invention, determination and tenacity." As writer for film and television, an actor on stage and screen, she has made it her mission to be an advocate for body acceptance at any size. "She's a force for positive change who always delivers with warmth, wisdom and a great dollop of humor and insight from her years spent fighting the pervasive perception that being good



Monica Parker



Sandra Brown



Jeanette Richardson-Baars enough means being thin. She has an uncanny ability to inspire us all to become more and more of who we are meant to be just as we are."

Returning to Aruba after her stimulating presentation at last year's event is Dr. Sue Morter. As a certified chiropractor, she had observed her patients, realizing that health and wellness is achieved through treating the whole; a melding of body, spirit and mind are essential to the process, not only physical ma-

nipulation. Her philosophy "bridges science, spirit and human possibility." Her health center focuses on all these aspects with The BioEnergetic Synchronization Technique (B.E.S.T.), "a non-forceful, energy balancing hands-on procedure used to help reestablish the full healing potential of the body."

Local speakers who have been dynamic forces and examples for personal change and achievement are Jeanette Richardson-Baars, a police inspector and Head of the Aruba branch of the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Task Force, she has been personally honored by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as a TIP Hero. Mrs. Richardson-Baars is also well versed in the challenges women face in the region in receiving recognition and position in regional law enforcement, and is considering combining that with her topic.

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Motorists beware: Repair work on the Roundabout in front of the Airport

ORANJESTAD -- The Department of Public Works announces that as of yesterday the department is performing some maintenance work on the roundabout in front of the Airport. It was confirmed that a part of the road has collapsed. Because of this, part of the Roundabout will be closed from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. If everything goes according to plan the repair work will be finished tomorrow, Wednesday, February 19. There will be traffic signs and barricades to advise motorists of the traffic changes. DOW apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Venezuela, US in diplomatic row over protests

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela gave three US diplomats 48 hours to leave the country Monday as Washington rejected as "baseless and false" accusations it was aiding protests against the government of President Nicolas Maduro.

Maduro is grappling with angry student protests that began in the interior of the oil-rich country and boiled over last week in street clashes in Caracas that left three dead.

Scores of protesters have been arrested and the government has issued a warrant for the arrest of a prominent opposition leader, Leopoldo Lopez, blaming him for the deaths and violence.

Foreign Minister Elias Jaua identified the Americans as "persona non grata" as Breeann Marie McCusker, Jeffrey Gordon Elsen and Kristofer Lee Clark, all said to be second secretaries at the US embassy.

Jaua charged that the embassy had sent "operatives" to universities to train and finance youth organizations "through which the violence in Venezuela is promoted."

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said Washington had not yet been formally notified of the Venezuelan action, and rejected the accusations made against the diplomats.

"The allegations that the United States is helping to organize protesters in Venezuela is baseless and false," she said.

The expulsions were first announced Sunday night in a speech by Maduro, who accused the diplomats of meeting with student protest leaders under the guise of offering them visas.

"Let them go conspire in Washington," he said.

- Inflation, goods shortages at issue -

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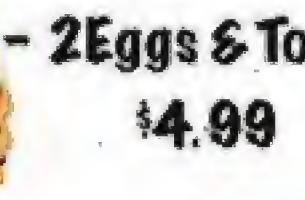
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International Women's Day Conference March 8...

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Minister Hooyboer Winklaar with sponsors and local speakers

Sandra Brown is the head of Centro di Desaroyo di Hende

Muher (CEDEHM), the Center for the Development of Women. Having braved many hardships, including establishing a career while being a single mother of three, she has years of experience in social work, particularly with abused and repressed women, who have been deprived of opportunity and support to be their best.

This year, Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar has also arranged for two academic scholarships to be offered of \$5,000 each, through the Aruba Scholarship Fund (ASF), which will oversee the selection process. Applications for the scholarship require an essay detailing "the importance of your education and how it will change our community and impact other women." ASF Scholarships offer assistance for studying at institutions of higher learning located anywhere BUT Holland. Other criteria are maintaining a 3.0 average, and returning to

Aruba to apply the skills acquired.

Applications can be made by video or e-mail sent to etromp@arubagovernment.aw. The deadline for scholarship applications is February 24, 2014.

The Aruba International Women's Day Conference will be conducted in the ballroom of the Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino in Palm Beach beginning at 9:00 AM, and will end at 4:00 PM. Attendance is absolutely free of charge, and those interested must pre-register online by February 21 at the website: <http://womensday.aw/>

The Minister and speakers emphasized that the conference is not only for women, and men are always welcome, and will also find the subject covered interesting and enlightening. "Being the Change," is about families, spouses and relationships," cited Sandra Brown. "CEDEHM is not only about developing women, but the community as a whole, and strengthening families, while setting examples for the next

generation."

By Rosalie Klein

Min. of Finance signs decree allowing Custom officer to make customs declarations/clearance online

ORANJESTAD — Last Thursday, Minister of Finance and Government Organization, Juan David Yrausquin signed a decree making it possible for Customs Officers to perform custom declarations/clearance via e-mail. The Customs Department procedures are under his authority. The signing will facilitate matters, but stipulates an online custom clearance/declaration must match the written one.

In three months working as Minister of Finance, Mr. Yrausquin implemented the Asycuda World, an automated system for customs

data. Being web-based, the Asycuda World system will allow Customs Administrations and traders to handle most of their transactions — from Customs Declarations to Cargo Manifests and Transit documents — via Internet.

It is a formidable way of making international trade simpler and cheaper whilst also making international markets more accessible to enterprises from developing countries.

This is the first step for the physical separation of the Aruba Custom and Tax Departments, the minister said.



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**Customs Director Julian Lopez Ramirez:
"There is no increase
in the import tax
tariffs"**



ORANJESTAD -- Recently, Customs Director Julian Lopez Ramirez flatly denied that the government has increased the import tax tariffs. "The only thing that was changed in the Import Tax law is the way of codification of products," according to Mr. Lopez Ramirez.

Last week, The Customs corps emitted a communiqué with information on the codification changes, but it was misinterpreted. The change in the Import Tax law is about the symmetric system to code products. It's not about changing the import tax tariffs.

Mr. Lopez Ramirez explained that the change in

product codification was introduced by the World Custom Organization (WCO), and independent intergovernmental body whose mission is to improve the administration of customs.

Customs around the world use symmetric system, which means that products around the world have the same code no matter the country. This is very important for a better work flow, especially when it is combined with the use of the ASYCUDA World program.

According to Mr. Lopez Ramirez, the WCO revises the codification system every 5 years and the changes are sent to every country around the world. Businesses working with this codification system must be aware of these changes.

The Customs Department emitted the communiqué for businesses to be aware when processing documents of imported goods.

This information is also available on the Custom website: www.Douane.aw

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Former Governor of New York inspects Aruba's Economic Zones' investments



ORANJESTAD -- Former New York Governor, York David Patterson paid Aruba a visit for a few days and met with the Prime Minister to share his ideas about investment on Aruba. Patterson is the 5th Governor of the State of New York. He is the first Governor of African-American descent and the second of all of the USA who served as Governor while being legally blind.

Patterson came to Aruba with several investors who wanted to know the island and explore the possibilities for investing, creating businesses in the San Nicolaas Economic Zone.

During their visit they also talked extensively with the Minister of Economic Affairs, Mike de Meza, CEO of Terraawatdynamics.com, Michael Goemelely, was also present. Also in the party were: Paul Pape, Vice President of MHT Lighting and John Tobacco, CEO of Green Energy Management Sys-

Nicolaas area. These men were duly informed about our fiscal structure as well as the benefits of the Economic Zone.

The Prime Minister expressed his gratitude to Patterson for his interest in uniting with the vision of Aruba of becoming a sustainable island. During the encounter, the Prime Minister presented Patterson a token of our appreciation in the form of a sculpture of our Fotofiti tree along with an explanation of this tree, which works with the force of nature, just like Aruba wants to do.



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Marriott Director of HR Barbara Bronswinkel embarks a new venture



PALM BEACH, ARUBA — The Aruba Marriott congratulates Complex Director of Human Resources Barbara Bronswinkel with her next career venture.

Barbara joined the Marriott family in 2004 as Human Resources Manager focusing on Associate Relations. In 2007 she was promoted to Director of Personal Services followed by a promotion in 2008, when she was promoted to Complex Director of Human Resources overseeing all Human Resources activities for 1200 Marriott associates. She graduated her Master's degree in the US in 2001 and moved to Europe for a year before returning to start her working career on Aruba at the Hyatt as Training and Employee Relations Manager.

"As Marriott continues to grow we strive to grow our local talent and Barbara is one of those talents that we can all be very proud of," said General Manager Tom Calame.

During the last few years, she achieved many accomplishments to benefit the Marriott associates. From, amazing Associate Engagement results, revamping the Associate Relations Committee, the consolidation of various departments to streamlining payroll processes, achieving a 5-day workweek for most hourly associates and maintaining the great reputation of Marriott as the best employer in the community.

The Aruba Marriott wishes Barbara and her family the best of luck, as she embarks her new journey.

Landmark signing of TNO Smart Community Aruba partnership agreement



PM Eman and Jan Ebbing of TNO signing

ORANJESTAD -- An integral factor in Aruba's position as a leader in the Caribbean of sustainable development and innovation was the welcoming of TNO from Holland, an energy solutions think tank and facilitator, to open its first Caribbean branch on the island. TNO is an independent non-profit research institute with over 80 years in applied research and a commitment to creating an R&D environment which will safeguard business interests.

Yesterday, the Regional Director of TNO, Jan Ebbing

and Prime Minister Mike Eman welcomed M. Bas and Roberto Henriquez, representatives from Aruba's energy providers and distributors, WEB and Elmar N.V., plus the Director of Aruba's national telecommunications company, SETAR N.V., Roland Croes, along with Franklin Hoevertsz of Utilities Aruba and the co-directors of the FCCA, the island's public housing agency, Peter van Poppel and Maria Christina Lacle, to the TNO headquarters within the Dr. Edward Cheung Center for Innovation.

The purpose was the signing of an agreement by all these agencies for their contribution to the construction of the Caribbean's first Smart Community, an experiment in construction planned neighborhoods with sustainability the priority.

Concepts such as reduced energy consumption and carbon emissions will be integrated into the structures, from the original design process through habitation.

"Real life testing and demonstration is a must to move sustainable technologies from concept to practical application. Smart Community Aruba (SCA), a 20 unit residential neighborhood aimed at sustainable living, to research, test and demonstrate sustainable technology," explained Mr. Ebbing.

"The key objective is knowledge development relating to scalable technology solutions and business models to help make Aruba's transition to sustainable energy a reality."

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Signatories and young engineers working on the project



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As stated, the principal objectives are:

– gain experience with the integration of renewable energy into the smart grid.

– evaluate sustainable building techniques and efficiency measures.

– Deal efficiently and innovatively with water and waste issues.

– Develop new energy service models and learn about consumer behavior.

– Create opportunities for private partners to showcase, test and certify technology, building systems and design

The Smart Community Aruba experiments focus on demand and supply side measures. The following experiments have been planned:

– PV and Wind power generation (performance and reliability)

– Integration Decentralized Generated (DG) power into (low-voltage) grid

– Grid stability, including supply-demand management and storage solutions

– Innovative sustainable building design and retrofitting strategies

– Electric transportation

– Consumer behavior and new service delivery models

– Decentralized water pu-

ification (Memstill) – reducing energy consumption for water purification

– Waste and wastewater treatment to enable local industrial water production and extract biomass for biogas production.

The signing of the agreement of this cooperative project signals the most ambitious Aruba has known, with the greatest number of locally based agencies contributing.

The Prime Minister also applauded the opportunity this project provides some of Aruba's best and brightest young engineers to apply the skills and technology they have learned from universities in Holland and the U.S., to benefit their homeland. He credited TNO and the efforts of Jan Ebbing in recruiting and coordinating the numerous partners, and enabling this visionary project to be realized.

Physical progress has already been made with the clearing of the designated land in Kibaima, centrally located south of Santa Cruz, and Mr. Ebbing estimated the project should be completed around mid-Spring, 2015.

By Rosalie Klein

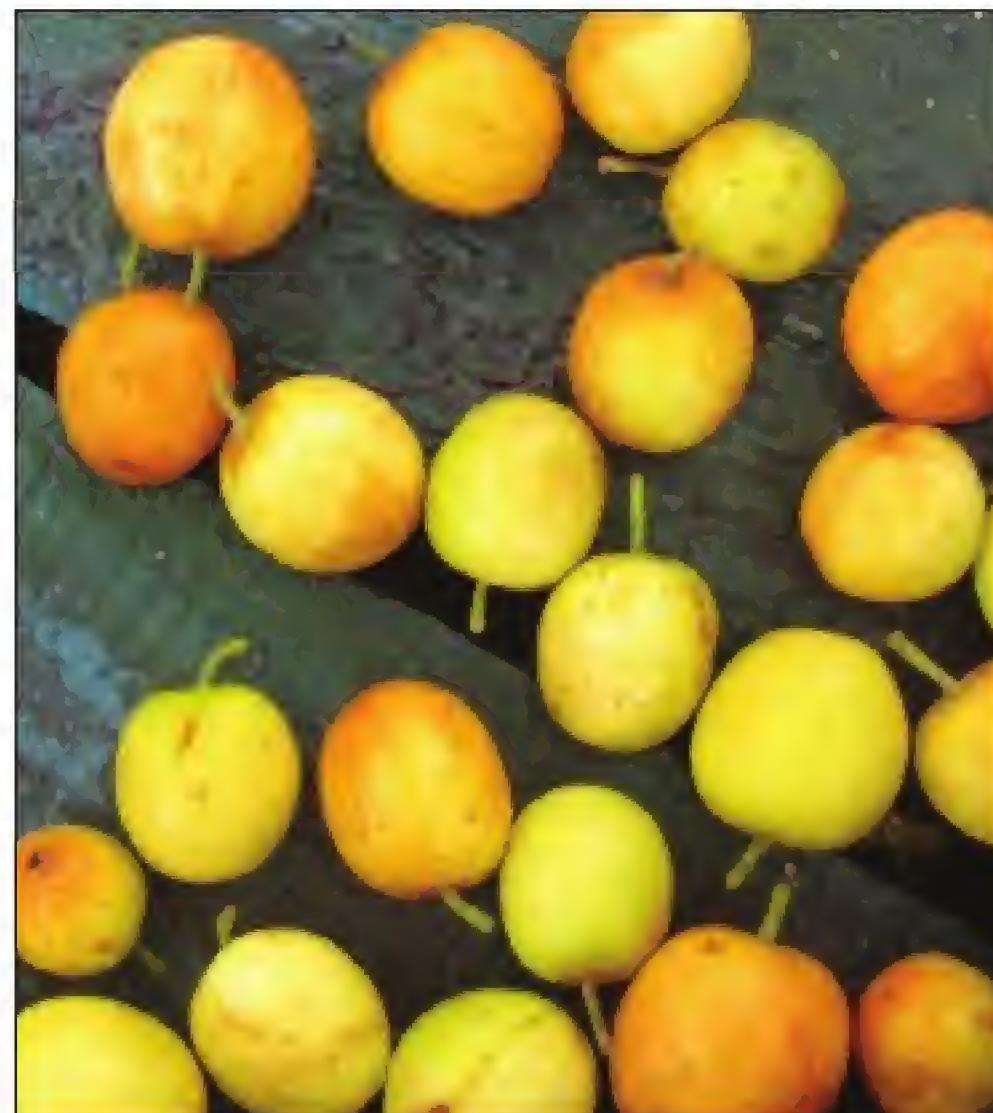
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Aruba Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries issues valuable information on "Appeldam, Dampanchi, Frut'e dam"



The appeldam fruit

ORANJESTAD – Aruba's climate and soil is ideal for planting a wide variety of fruit trees, among others the fruit tree known on the ABC islands as "Appeldam, Dampanchi, Frut'e dam." World wide it is known as Christ's Thorn Jujube, or "Crown of Thorns" an evergreen tree native to northern and tropical Africa and southern and Western Asia. It has been cultivated in Israel also at high elevations.

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Venezuela, US in diplomatic row over protests

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Venezuelan officials have charged that student leaders received training in Mexico and the foreign ministry on Sunday accused Washington of seeking to "legitimize attempts to destabilize" the government.

The protests flared up on February 4 when students at a university in the western state of Tachira staged a demonstration against rampant crime after a student was raped.

Since then, as the protests spread to other cities, student grievances have expanded to demands that the government released jailed protesters.

They have also drawn attention to soaring inflation and shortages of many basic goods.

Protests in Caracas last week were the biggest against the government since Maduro took office in April, succeeding the late Hugo Chavez.

On Monday, opposition protesters marched peacefully to headquarters of the National Telecommunications Commission to protest censorship.

Lopez has called for a mass rally on Tuesday, as have supporters of Maduro, setting the stage for a fresh face-off.

- Tense US-Venezuela ties - Venezuela's relations with Washington, long strained under Chavez, have remained

sour and distrustful under Maduro, who has hewed to his predecessor's socialist policies.

In late September, Maduro kicked out three other US diplomats, including the charge d'affaires, Kelly Keiderling, on accusations of conspiring with government opponents. The two countries have had no ambassadors since 2010.

The latest diplomatic confrontation came after US Secretary of State John Kerry issued a statement Saturday expressing deep concern over the rising tensions and violence in Venezuela.

He called on the government in Caracas to release jailed prisoners and open "meaningful dialogue with the Venezuelan people."

Lopez, the opposition leader most closely identified with the protests, has managed to elude arrest, even while taunting the government over Twitter.

On Sunday, in a video linked to his Twitter account, he invited protesters to join him in a march on Tuesday to the justice ministry.

The 42-year-old Lopez and two other opposition leaders -- deputy Maria Corina Machado and the mayor of metropolitan Caracas, Antonio Ledezma -- advocate using street protests to force Maduro from office.

Woman in Saudi media first wants others to follow

RIYADH (AFP) - Soumaya Jabarti, the first female editor of a Saudi national daily, hopes to see more women take up top media posts in the ultra-conservative Muslim state.

She was named at the weekend as editor-in-chief of the Saudi Gazette, one of the two main English-language dailies in the Gulf kingdom.

"The success will not be complete unless I see my peers who are also Saudi women in the media take other roles where they are decision-makers," Jabarti said in an interview posted on Al-Arabiya News website.

"There's a crack that has been made in the glass ceil-

ing. And I'm hoping it will be made into a door," said Jabarti, who served as deputy editor since 2011.

"Being the first Saudi woman (newspaper editor) is going to be double the responsibility... One's actions will reflect upon my fellow Saudi women," she said.

Saudi Arabia imposes a strict interpretation of Islamic laws, notably a segregation of the sexes, and does not allow women to work or travel without the authorisation of a male guardian from her family.

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Kerry, Abbas to meet Wednesday in Paris: Palestinians

RAMALLAH (AFP) - Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas will meet US Secretary of State John Kerry in Paris Wednesday to discuss peace talks with Israel, a senior Palestinian official told AFP Monday.

The official said Abbas would leave for France on Tuesday for the meeting, which he said had been requested by Kerry, who is currently in Abu Dhabi.

The top US diplomat has spent months trying to get the two sides to agree on a framework for resolving their decades-old conflict, but the negotiations have shown little sign of progress, with each side blaming the other.

"The Palestinian positions are known and we have reiterated them at all the meet-

ings with Kerry and his advisers," the official said.

On Sunday, Abbas struck a conciliatory tone on two of the most divisive issues, saying he did not want to "flood Israel" with returning Palestinian refugees and that there was no need to "re-divide" Jerusalem.

Resolving the question of the right of return for Palestinian families who fled or were forced out of their homes during the war which accompanied Israel's independence in 1948 is one of the most bitterly disputed issues in the conflict.

Jerusalem is also deeply divisive, with Israel viewing the entire city as its "eternal, undivided" capital and the Palestinians demanding a capital in the mostly Arab

eastern sector of the city captured by Israel in the 1967 war.

Israeli President Shimon Peres on Monday hailed Abbas's remarks on the refugee issue, which he said showed the Palestinian leader's "seriousness about reaching peace".

During his most recent visit to the region last month, Kerry presented both sides with a draft framework agreement addressing the so-called "final status issues" -- Jerusalem, the refugees, borders, and security.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is expected to meet President Barack Obama in the United States on March 3 to discuss the talks.

FARC rebels kill five police in Colombia ambush

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia's leftist FARC rebels killed five police officers and injured three others Monday in an ambush in the north of the country, authorities said.

The rebels targeted an anti-narcotics patrol working on coca eradication in Antioquia province, Colonel Fernando Restrepo told AFP.

The wounded were taken to area hospitals for treatment.

Defense Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon called the attack an "inexplicable act of barbarity."

"Let us not be fooled in Colombia," he said. "The president's and people's desire for peace and reconciliation is one thing. The desire by these people to trick us with this illegal and criminal trade is another."

Founded in 1964, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) is now estimated to have some 8,000 fighters and is considered the country's largest rebel group.

Since November 2012, the FARC has been in peace talks with the government of President Juan Manuel Santos but without a ceasefire on the ground.

The talks, taking place in the Cuban capital Havana, are aimed at ending Latin America's longest-running insurgency that, over the course of five decades, has displaced some 4.5 million people and killed several hundred thousand.

One of the items on the agenda at the negotiations is the issue of the illegal cultivation of crops like coca.

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Poland arrests suspected paedophile priest

WARSAW (AFP) - Polish police on Monday arrested a Roman Catholic priest suspected of sex offences against children in the Dominican Republic, state prosecutors said.

The 36-year-old priest, who served in the central city of Santiago on the Caribbean island and is identified only as Wojciech G for legal reasons, will be formally questioned and charged on Tuesday, said Dariusz Nowak, a spokesman for prosecutors in Warsaw.

"We received documents from the Dominican Republic

that, among other things, will allow us to press charges," Nowak told reporters.

Wojciech G flatly denied any wrongdoing in an October 2013 interview with Polish media, suggesting he was set up by local drug gangs.

Polish prosecutors began independent investigations in September into both him and 65-year-old Polish archbishop Jozef Wesolowski, who served as a papal envoy in the Dominican Republic's capital Santo Domingo.

Authorities there also suspect Wesolowski of having sex with boys. Pope Francis suspended him from his duties as papal nuncio and summoned him to the Vatican in August of last year.

Unlike in the United States or Ireland, child sex abuse by priests in Poland remained a largely taboo subject until its influential Catholic Church was hit with a string of child sex allegations in 2013.

In an unprecedented move, Polish church leaders apologised late last year over alleged paedophile priests but also stirred controversy by saying parents shared the blame for the abuse.

Co-pilot hijacks Ethiopian plane to seek Swiss asylum

GENEVA (AFP) - The co-pilot of an Ethiopian Airlines flight hijacked his aircraft on Monday while the captain was in the bathroom and forced it to land in Geneva so he could seek asylum, police said.

The man was arrested after scaling out of the cockpit window on a rope, according to Geneva police spokesman Eric Grandjean.

The co-pilot said he seized his chance to take over flight ET-702 from Addis Ababa to Rome by locking himself in the cockpit when the pilot went to the bathroom, Grandjean told AFP.

Identified as an Ethiopian citizen born in 1983, the man told police "he felt threatened in his country and wants to seek asylum in Switzerland," he added.

A total of 202 passengers and crew were on board the Boeing 767 as the drama played out.

"The co-pilot told air transport authorities he had a problem with his plane and needed to fill up with jet-fuel. He then set off a distress signal indicating the plane was hijacked, before saying he had engine trouble," Grandjean said.

Fighter jets escorted the plane from Italian airspace and it landed in Geneva at 6:02 am (0502 GMT).

"He parked the plane on the taxiway, he cut the engines then opened the cockpit window, threw out a rope and used it to descend to the tarmac," Grandjean said.

"He ran towards the police and immediately identified himself as the co-pilot and hijacker."

The man said he acted alone, but as a precaution all those on board were frisked as they left the plane.

The runway was crowded with police and other emergency vehicles as passengers filed out with their arms up in the air or on their heads before boarding waiting buses.

Geneva's chief prosecutor, Olivier Jornot, said there were no signs of violence towards the passengers or fellow crew.

The man risks a 20-year prison sentence, but Jornot said it was too early to say whether his actions warranted such a punishment.

Ethiopia's Information Minister Redwan Hussein said the co-pilot's record was under scrutiny.



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Chikungunya virus hits the Caribbean

ORANJESTAD — The Aruba Health Department wished to inform the community about the situation regarding the Chikungunya virus in the Caribbean region and Aruba. Chikungunya is an infectious disease that is gaining ground. The virus is transmitted by *Aedes aegypti*, the same mosquito that transmit the Dengue virus.

During the month of December PAHO/WHO was notified of the first 2 confirmed Chikungunya cases reported in San Maarten, which were locally transmitted. Prior to that, only imported cases were recorded, in the USA, Canada and Brazil.

Presently, various Chikungunya infection cases were confirmed, in Anguilla, British Virgin Island, Dominica, French Guyana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, St. Barthélémy

and St. Maarten. The total cases in the region reported are 1457, mostly proceeding from St. Martin (French side), followed by Martinique and Guadalupe.

On January 30, 2014 the Aruba Health Department officially received the results of 3 alleged Chikungunya cases on Aruba. Only one person was positively diagnosed; a 57-year old male person who visited St. Martin (French side). Immediately all concerned agencies were alerted to avoid a break-out on Aruba.

The Public Health Department kindly ask for the cooperation of everyone planning to travel in the Caribbean region or receiving visitors from the Caribbean, as is common during Carnival, to take the necessary precautions, particularly to avoid mosquito bites.

The department also urges everyone to examine the grounds around their dwellings and remove any litter, to avoid providing mosquito breeding grounds. Any object that can contain rain or running water can be a breeding ground. Examine all buckets and saucers under potted plants and keep them dry. Be mindful of anything that can collect water and function as a breeding ground, like tires, cups, or lids; empty garbage cans regularly and drain them of rainwater or put a cover on them.

Inside the house change the water in vases every 2 to 3 days. Make sure the cesspool is securely covered. Always check inside and around the house for breeding grounds. If your neighbors are elderly people, help them to also keep their houses clean.

Chikungunya is a viral disease that typically causes fever and headache, along with an intense arthritis-like pain in the joints (that can last for a month) and a rash. It is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. The symptoms of chikungunya can appear similar to those of dengue fever, although it is caused by a different virus.

If you or someone you know experiences these symptoms, please go immediately to the house doctor for testing.

For more information, call the Department of Public Health at tel: 522-4200.

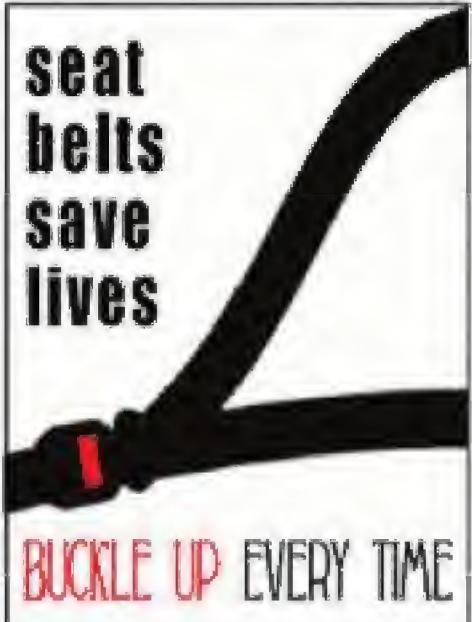
FDA Express Concerns over Medications made in India

NEW YORK — The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has expressed concerns over the safety and quality of the drugs produced by Indian pharmaceutical companies. Upon returning from a trip to India, the FDA commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg stated that medicines made in India increase consumers' risk of illness, recalls and warnings related to drugs that they rely on daily.

Hamburg had met up with executives from the Indian pharmaceutical and food exporting companies. India is the U.S.'s second largest exporter of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. At the meeting, Hamburg had to reiterate the fact that the lapses in quality and safety

are unacceptable. India's drug quality is still a huge concern and needs to be improved upon. As a way to mend this, the FDA is planning on creating an Office of Pharmaceutical Quality that would increase the agency's scrutiny over brand name, generic and over-the-counter medications.

Back in 2013, the agency had investigated 160 Indian drug factories. Many of these drug plants received penalties and warning letters regarding their products. Hamburg stated that many of the Indian companies expressed concerns over the fact that the U.S. has heightened inspections. Hamburg explained that in order to keep people safe, these regulations are needed.



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Last year Riri's world came crashing down when it was discovered that she had 3 tumors in her left breast. To re-

move the breast and some lymph nodes was the only option.

Riri decided to proceed not knowing what was awaiting her. With the support of her entire family and friends she went through the worst period of her life.

During an eight month period during the treatment of chemotherapy, she experienced terrible discomforts, the loss of her hair, nails became black, her weight went up by 14 kilos and pain everywhere.



After this, Riri went to Colombia for 6 weeks for Radiotherapy treatment.

says, "don't let fear and laziness surprise you with this disease."

With a positive attitude and courage, like all other women who have gone through this disease, she will dance and enjoy her Carnival along with her guarding angels.

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Laws, childproof triggers may cut back on gun violence

CHICAGO (AFP) - Fatal gun violence can be reduced with laws that require background checks before purchasing firearms, as well as childproof trigger technologies that limit firing to the gun's owner, scientists say.

Experts are also studying new approaches that would take guns away from anyone served with a restraining order due to domestic violence, a controversial effort that was recently tried for the first time in California.

The problem of gun violence in America -- where shootings at schools, movie theatres and public places are a regular occurrence -- is difficult to tackle because of a powerful gun lobby, Constitutional protections for the right to bear arms, and also the sheer number of weapons in circulation - about one for every person across the United States.

"We have a heck of a lot of guns in this country - 310 million in private hands," said Jeffrey Swanson, a professor of psychiatry at Duke University in North Carolina.

People with mental illness are often implicated in mass shootings, even though they account for just five percent of all cases of violence against others, he told a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Therefore, other methods must be tried to keep guns out of the wrong hands.

- Childproof triggers -

One such approach is to add technology to guns that enable the trigger to be pulled only by its licensed user.

Already, these "smart-trigger" technologies are being used in some European countries, and a task force convened by the US Department



of Justice recently said the technology is ready for widespread use in the United States, where there are nearly 23,000 gun murders and more than 38,000 gun suicides per year.

"This is the future, but it is also now," said Daniel Webster, director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research in Baltimore, Maryland. "I think it will be something that will reduce adolescent suicides, unintentional shooting of children, and also crimes that result from guns that are stolen," Webster said.

However, the technology is expensive for now, costing thousands of dollars per gun, though Webster said the hope is that costs would come down once smart triggers become widespread on the market.

New Jersey last year became the first state to pass a law mandating that all new guns on the market must be equipped with childproof technology, beginning three years after smart guns are available.

- Weaker laws, more murders -

Researchers also discussed new findings about a state that relaxed its gun laws, and apparently led to a significant rise in homicides.

In 2007, Missouri repealed its permit-to-purchase (PTP) handgun law, which required people buying a handgun to

verify with the local sheriff that they had passed a federally required background check.

In the five years that followed, the state experienced a jump in its murder rate that was not seen in neighboring states, said the findings by Webster and colleagues, to be published in an upcoming issue of the Journal of Urban Health.

That meant between 55 and 63 additional murders per year in Missouri, while the homicide rate in the rest of the country was going down, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"This study provides compelling confirmation that weaknesses in firearm laws lead to deaths from gun violence," said Webster.

Another pilot study carried out in northern California focused on identifying people with firearms who had been recently served with domestic violence restraining orders.

Police went to their homes and asked for them to hand over their guns, in accordance with California law stating that people subject to domestic violence restraining orders may not purchase or keep guns in the home.

Of several thousand cases involved in the study, 525 people with likely firearms were identified, and 119 people handed over their weapons.

"At the moment we don't know if that works or not," said Garen Wintemute, professor of emergency medicine at the University of California, Davis.

Some 1,127 women were killed by their partners in 2011, and 605,000 were assaulted, according to FBI figures.

Following an onslaught of clones Apple, Google rejecting apps with the word "flappy" in the title



NEW YORK - Mobile game developer Ken Carpenter of Mind Juice Media said on Twitter that his game, Flappy Dragon, was rejected by the iTunes authorization process because the app's name "attempts to leverage a popular app." As Carpenter correctly points out, the iTunes App Store currently still hosts plenty of clones, like Flappy Bee, Flappy Plane, Flappy Bird Flyer, etc, but isn't accepting more apps with the word "flappy" in the title anymore. One ridiculous attempt to ride the coattails of the Flappy Bird phenomenon is "Flappy Bird - Gift of Valentine's Day and Lover's Day," which has nothing to do with birds or flapping. It's just a free photo app, which might make some money from advertising if people download it expecting the return of Flappy Bird. Carpenter and other mobile developers have reported that apps that use the word "flappy" are being rejected by Google Play as well. Carpenter said that he's resubmitting his game to iTunes with the title "Derpy Dragon." Dong Nguyen, the creator of the simple but brutally difficult Flappy Bird pulled the game from app stores on Feb. 9, but not because of legal reasons, he said.





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Netherlands	EUR	230.59	232.69	246.44
Sweden	SEK	25.91	26.63	28.17
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Mining giant BHP's first-half profit soars 83 percent

SYDNEY (AFP) - Global mining giant BHP Billiton said Tuesday first-half net profit soared 83 percent to US\$8.1 billion on the back of strong production across its iron ore, coal and petroleum businesses.

The result for the six months to December 31 was above expectations and compared to US\$4.2 billion in the previous corresponding period, with revenues climbing 5.9 percent to US\$33.95 billion.

Underlying earnings -- which exclude one-off write-downs -- rose 31 percent to a higher than forecast \$US7.8 billion, with the world's biggest miner declaring an interim dividend of 59 cents a share, up 3.5 percent from a year ago.

Iron ore production from Western Australia achieved record production of 108 million tonnes in the half year, benefiting from the early delivery of first production from its Jimbleber mine.

Heineken says net profits halved after 2012 spike

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Net profit at Dutch brewer Heineken fell by more than half last year to 1.36 billion euros (\$1.85 billion), the company reported on Wednesday, but the figure for 2012 had been inflated by an acquisition.

The 2013 result was 53 percent lower than for 2012, when the profits jumped by 1.4 billion euros on the back of the

purchase of Asia Pacific Breweries.

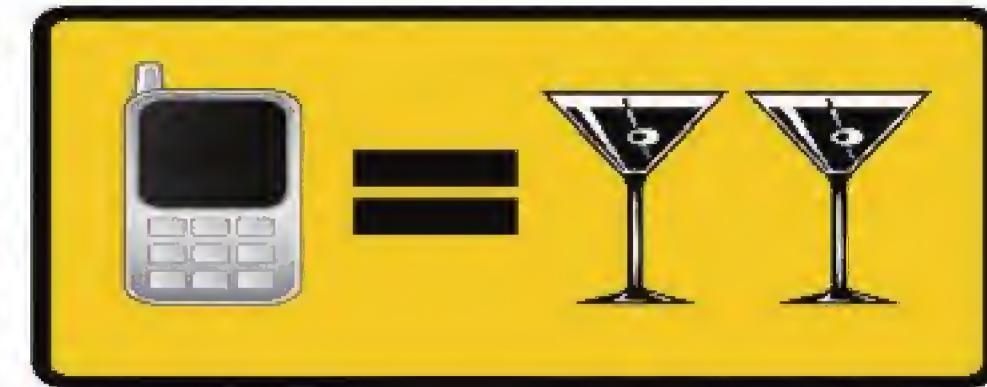
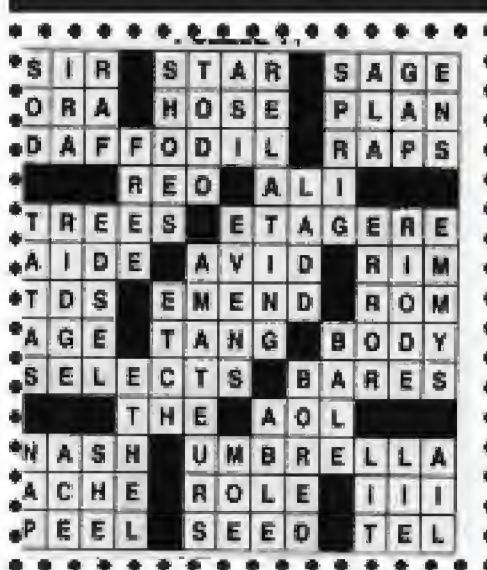
But the group said that growth in emerging markets had fallen short of expectations.

Heineken's sales for 2013 showed a slight rise of 1.3 percent, to 21.25 billion euros, the Amsterdam-based brewer said in a statement.

Van Boxmeer said Heineken expected a gradual recovery in the global economy in 2014 which would improve trading conditions in key markets.

This included growth in Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America, it said.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



North American leaders turn eyes towards Asia

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico's president hosts the leaders of the United States and Canada on Wednesday, with the North American neighbors turning their gaze toward Asia to revitalize their 20-year-old trade bloc.

President Enrique Pena Nieto will welcome US President Barack Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper in the ornate government palace of Mexico State in the city of Toluca, his homeland.

While Mexico's drug violence has stolen the spotlight in past summits, Pena Nieto will likely seek to turn attention to economic matters and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which turned 20 in January.

Once billed as the gathering of the "Three Amigos", the summit comes amid some friction.

Mexico is fuming over Canada's refusal to end visa requirements which make it complicated for Mexicans to visit. Pena Nieto will have a chance to address the issue on Tuesday because Harper will already be in Mexico for the summit.

Dutch investment fund assets reach record levels

THE HAGUE - Dutch investment funds had a record €644bn in assets under management at the end of last year, their highest level since 2008 when the central bank began monitoring them.

The bank said in a statement the record is due to both new investments and share price gains. The total value of assets under management rose 3% in the final quarter, compared with the previous three months.

The number of investment funds rose by 37 to a record 1,624

The Canadian government, meanwhile, is pressing the United States to finally make up its mind about the Keystone XL pipeline, a controversial project that would bring oil from Canada to Texas which has met massive objections from environmentalists.

But the talks will focus on how to improve a trade bloc accounting for around one-third of the world's gross domestic product.

Although NAFTA has led to massive trade between the neighbors, officials concede that gaps remain and that its future potential rests on reaching a trade pact with Asian nations known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

"It is not in the interest of the three countries to reopen the North American Free Trade Agreement," said Mexican Deputy Foreign Minister Sergio Alcocer.

"The negotiations are taking place via the TPP to cover those items that were not included in the agreement 20 years ago," he added.

Plugging holes

US officials say the TPP could prompt the North American partners to agree on labor and environmental standards that have lacked within NAFTA.

"There's been some criticism in the past around some of the issues that were not addressed in NAFTA," a senior US administration official said on condition of anonymity. "TPP is in part intended to plug those holes."

The US official said the administration hopes to complete the 12-nation TPP deal this year after failing to reach an agreement in 2013.

The TPP project includes the NAFTA nations along with Australia, Brunei, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam, making up 40 percent of the global economy.

Experts say that another way to improve NAFTA is to revamp the US-Mexican border because trucks are being held up too long at customs.

"We have to tell the United States and Canada that despite the interest in TPP, we must continue to improve the functioning of NAFTA," said Luis de la Calle, a former Mexican trade official who was involved in NAFTA negotiations.

"We need to build more bridges and lanes, and have customs that open 24 hours a day," de la Calle, founder of the CMM economics consultancy, told AFP.

Experts say the governments need to approve a "pre-clearance" system in which customs agents would be posted on foreign soil to inspect trucks there, allowing them to quickly pass the border.

Mexican success story

For Pena Nieto, the summit will be a chance to showcase his sweeping reforms, which has included a historic overhaul of the state-controlled energy sector, garnering major interest among oil companies.

"What we will see is a realignment of forces in North America because of Mexico's enormous success in its reform agenda," said Duncan Wood, director of the Mexico Institute at the Washington-based Wilson Center think tank.

"Mexico will be front and center," he said. "It's the success story at this time."



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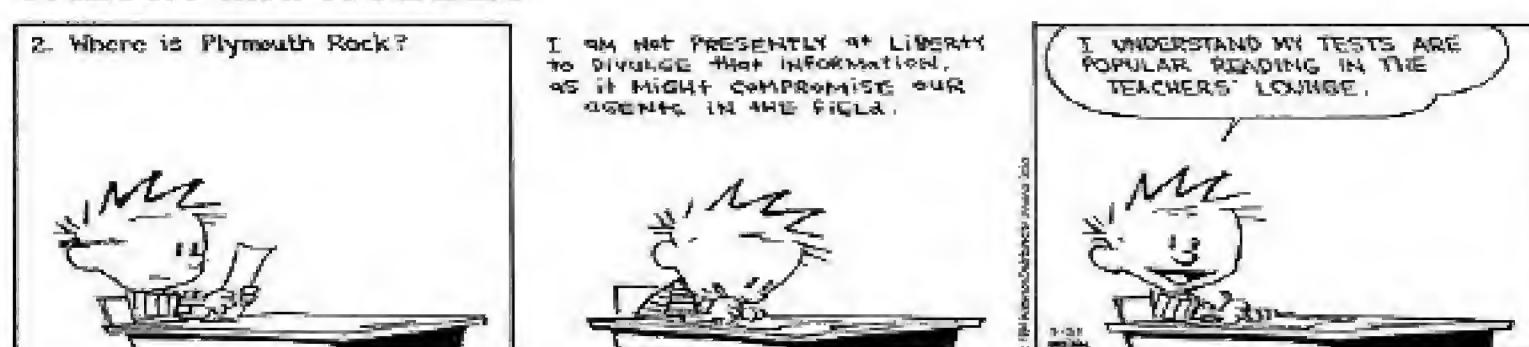
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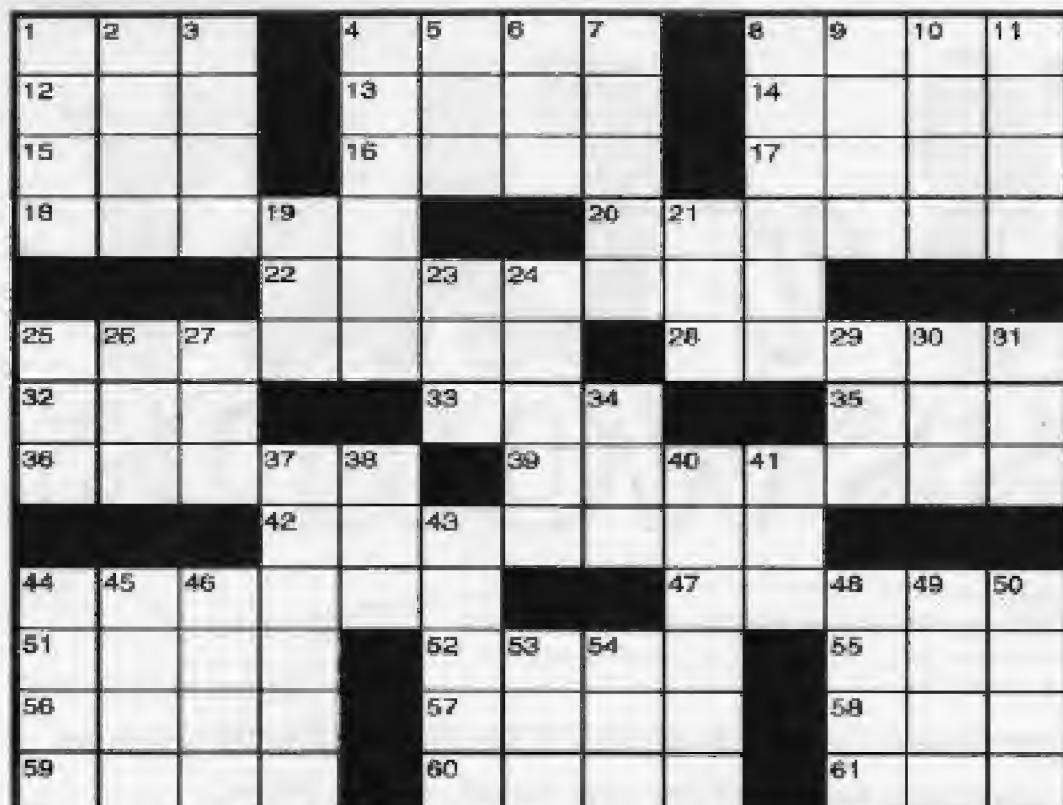


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9. Negligee trim

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11. Sail holder

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You"

23. Pres. Coolidge

24. ___ way... (2 wds.)

25. Brylcreem unit

26. Stuck ___ rut (2 wds.)

27. Easy and Main (abbr.)

29. "Honest" President

30. Actress Myrna

31. Alkaline material

34. Mom's counterpart

37. Hankerings

38. "Get 'em, Fido!"

40. Covered in trees

41. Col. Sanders's outfit

43. Ambles aimlessly

44. Animal rights gp.

45. Saw, e.g.

46. Sch. for officers

48. Inmates

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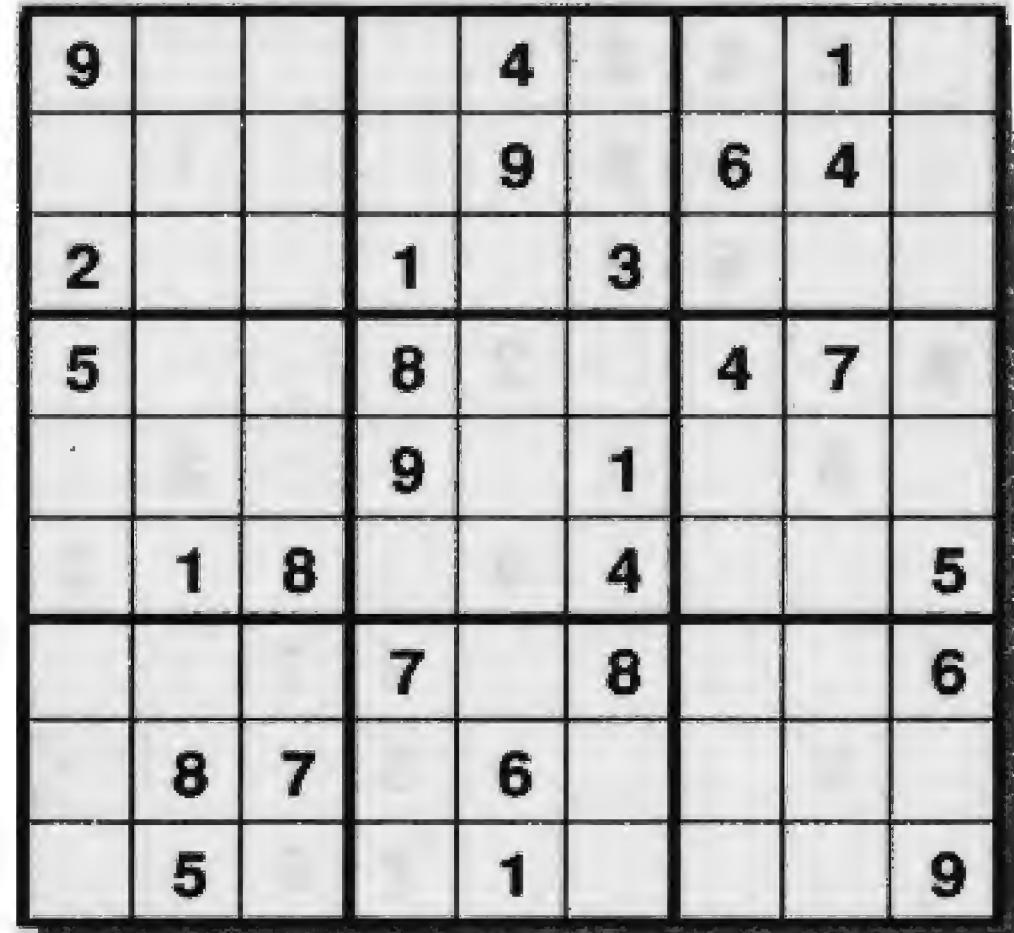
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5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



Delicious Breakfast

--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on para-

dise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the

menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8am, patrons can now order 2

eggs any style (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) and toast for a price of only \$4.99 or All You Can Eat Pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on, after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice

beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeno peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to

make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish Sunday-Thursday; and until 3am on Friday & Saturdays.

Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches! Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Who's winning what at

the Winter Olympics

SOCHI (AFP) - Meryl Davis and Charlie White finally claimed a first Olympic ice dancing gold for figure skating powers the United States as they surged to victory with new world record scores on Monday.

The Vancouver silver medallists led all the way to seal the title by a comfortable 4.53 points following a routine filled with difficult lifts and rapid footwork ahead of reigning Olympic champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir of Canada.

Russia's Elena Ilinykh and Nikita Katsalapov won bronze after the free dance final at the Iceberg Skating Palace.

"We're so excited, we're in shock a little. I'm not sure what we're feeling," said Davis, 27, after claiming a 15th Olympic gold medal for the United States but the first outside of men's or women's singles. "It kind of all came together for us and we're so pleased to be here. We're in disbelief."

Jamaica's Olympic bobsleigh adventure, funded by an Internet appeal and backed by an international outpouring of goodwill, ended with a whimper when 46-year-old pilot Winston Watts and brakeman Marvin Dixon came in second-last in the two-man event.

Jamaica were hoping to represent their country with the same vigour and enthusiasm shown by their 1988 Calgary counterparts, who inspired the movie, "Cool Runnings".

But Watts and Dixon were unable to produce the miracle they needed in the third run to make up their time deficit from the first two heats -- finishing 29th out of 30 runners.

"I promised to slide today faster than yesterday," Watts said after the third run. "And we did so. Unfortunately it was not enough to go further."

"Hopefully, we sent a message to the smaller countries, you don't need snow to do bobsleigh. You don't need snow to do winter sports."

The two-man bob was won by Alexander Zubkov and Alexey Voevoda who earned Russia their first gold medal in the sport.

Zubkov produced two more consistent races to clock a combined time of 3min 45.39sec to finish 0.66sec ahead of Swiss crew, Beat Hefti and Alex Baumann.

Steve Holcomb and Steve Langton took bronze for the United States.

The biathlon race had been



originally slated for Sunday leaving Norwegian star Ole Einar Bjoerndalen to kick his heels before he attempts again to win a record 13th Winter Olympics medal.

Germany ended Austria's dominance in the **ski jumping** team event, taking gold in a down-to-the-wire Olympic competition.

The four-man German team collected 1041.1 points over two rounds and eight jumps, ahead of defending Olympic champions Austria and a delighted Japanese team, led by veteran Noriaki Kasai.

In women's biathlon, Darya Domracheva took her third gold of the Olympics by winning the women's 12.5km mass start to become Belarus's greatest winter Olympian.

She finished 20.2sec ahead of Gabriela Soukalova of the Czech Republic with bronze going to Tiril Eckhoff of Norway.

Anton Kushnir completed a Belarus double in the **freestyle** aerials by winning men's gold.

Following Alla Tsuper's victory in the women's competition, he also succeeded compatriot Alexei Grishin after the defending champion was knocked out in the heats.

Australian David Morris was a shock silver medallist while Jia Zongyang took bronze for China.

Defending champions Canada and reigning world champions the United States will square off in their second-straight **women's hockey** gold medal clash.

The US clobbered Sweden 6-1 while Canada rolled over Switzerland 3-1 to set the stage for another superpower show-

down in Thursday's final.

China reached the Olympic men's **curling** semi-finals for the first time on Monday thanks to a 6-5 win over Great Britain, just four years after they could only manage eighth place in Vancouver.

Skip Liu Rui led his team into the medal round with a 7-2 win/loss record, which was bettered only by 2013 world champions Sweden, who finished the preliminary round with an 8-1 record.

Defeat gave Great Britain a 5-4 record and they must now beat Norway on Tuesday to reach the next stage.

Norway squandered a chance to reach the semi-finals when they lost 5-3 to Denmark.

In the women's event, Switzerland and Great Britain completed the women's semi-final line-up.

Switzerland won their semi-final eliminator, removing Vancouver 2010 bronze medallist China with a 10-6 victory, and will play Sweden for a place in the final on Wednesday.

Britain took the last available semi-final spot despite losing 8-7 to Denmark in an extra end.

The 2013 world champions will play Canada in the other semi-final on Wednesday.

With a 9-4 victory over South Korea, Jennifer Jones' Canada became the first women's team to go through an Olympics round-robin unbeaten with a 9-0 record.

In the session's other game, Japan lost their chance of forcing a semi-final tiebreaker when they lost 8-4 to already-qualified Sweden.



Belarus' Anton Kushnir competes in the Men's Freestyle Skiing Aerials winning Gold while Silver went for Australia's David Morris and Bronze for China's Jia Zongyang.



Chinese Zang Jialian (L) and Xu Xiaoming clean the way for the stone during the Men's Curling Round Robin Session



Jamaica-1 two-man bobsleigh pilot Winston Watts and brakeman Marvin Dixon arrive in the finish area after the Bobsleigh Two-man Heat 3



Russia's bronze medalists Nikita Katsalapov (2nd R) and Elena Ilinykh (2nd L) celebrate during the Figure Skating Ice Dance Flower Ceremony

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Aruban athletes preparing for the South American Games X

ORANJESTAD – The Tenth South American Games, also called Odesur, will be held in the city of Santiago de Chile between 7 and 18 March 2014. Aside from Santiago, the Games will also be held in the cities of Valparaiso, Vina del Mar, Curauma, Quillota and Concon, all situated in the Region of Valparaiso. The games are sports competition between South American countries that are part of ODESUR (Organización Deportiva Suramericana).

Aruba athletes are busy preparing themselves for this championship.

One of them is Mitchell Daniel, who together with his partner, de Cuba, will represent Aruba in Beach Volley-

ball. According to Mitchell, "since he was a boy his whole family used to play indoor volleyball. So naturally I also played indoor volleyball." Later on he started competing in school volleyball tournaments and afterwards he began playing for the Aruba selection. For 2 years he has been competing in beach volleyball.

Mitchell says that the preparations are going well; the training sessions are very intense. Every morning he does strength training in a gym and in the afternoon he practices beach volleyball. "It is worth the sacrifice, especially if you see a progress in your game techniques and tactics."

For Mitchell, to participate in the X South American Games in Chile is "something big, as I have been playing beach volleyball for only 2 years." His talent is such that he and his partner are classified for the Central America and Caribbean games. In Chile they will compete against the 13 best countries of South America.

"It is a unique experience to play against the best beach volleyball teams, like Brazil and Argentina. It's an honor. In the past you can only see these players on TV and now you have the chance to meet them on the court."

Mitchell recalls some beautiful memories when he and his partner won against one of the strongest teams in the Caribbean, the Dominican Republic. Although the Chile players are of a higher performance level, he is confident that they can give a good performance. His goal is to end in the best 6 teams.

Mitchell's dream is to eventually participate in the Olympic Games. The Rio games are will take place in only 2 years, but he is confident that he will make it for the

2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Then, hopefully, he will be more experienced and will qualify for more games to be taken into consideration.

Mitchell's advice for all athletes: "If you want to be a good sportsmen, you must train in earnest, set you goals, and let no one impede you from realizing your dreams."

Another Aruban athlete attending the games on behalf of his homeland is Quincy Brell. He forms part of the track and field delegation and will compete in the long jump discipline.

Quincy first became involved in sport competition playing basketball. He had a friend who practiced track and field. One day his friend asked him if he likes to travel, and that is how Quincy started applying himself and training in track and field. His excels in long jumps and 100 meter sprint, in Chile he will only compete in the long jump discipline.

Quincy is training very hard, 3 to 4 hours a day, 5 to 6 days a week. He is very disciplined and dedicated, and has already seen some progress in his jumps. His personal long jump record is 7.46 meters, but he aims to surpass it in Chile. He will put heart, sweat and blood to achieve this. He will not let himself be intimidated by other athletes, no matter how good they are. He just wants to succeed as one of the best. As any other athlete, Quincy's dream is to make it to the Olympic Games, if possible the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

Quincy's advice is, "If you want to get far in sports, any sport, you must train very hard and be highly disciplined."

The Morningnews wishes these two superb athletes all the best! Keep Up the Good work!



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NBA: East defeats West in record-setting All-Star Game

NEW ORLEANS (AFP) - Kyrie Irving scored 31 points and Carmelo Anthony added 30 to power the East over the West 163-155 Sunday in the highest-scoring NBA All-Star Game in history.

Cleveland's 21-year-old playmaker Irving was named the NBA All-Star Game Most Valuable Player after scoring 15 points in the fourth quarter to spark a victory comeback for the East.

The East team, trailing by 18 points in the third quarter, scored the final 10 points to snap a three-game win streak by the West stars and stretched its lead in the all-time rivalry to 37-26.

NBA scoring leader Kevin Durant of Oklahoma City and Blake Griffin of the Los Angeles Clippers each scored 38 points to lead the West in a losing cause.

Irving went 14-of-17 from the field and added 14 assists in a game that became the most prolific scoring exhibition in all-star history, producing numerous records.

The East's winning total was the highest of any team in all-star history as were the 318 combined points and the combined 30 3-pointers from both clubs.

Griffin made an All-Star Game record 19 baskets, most of them slam dunks, and New York's Anthony sank a record eight 3-pointers, going 8-of-13 from beyond the arc.

The West stretched the lead as wide as 123-105 but the East answered with an 18-3 run to close the third quarter and pull within 126-123 entering the fourth quarter.

Durant hit a 3-pointer to give the West a 155-153 lead but his team would not score again.

Paul George answered with three free throws to give the East the lead for good. Anthony followed a Durant miss with a 3-pointer.

LeBron James followed another Durant miss with a fast break layup off a behind-the-back pass from Irving for a 161-155 edge and George added two free throws to seal the East triumph.

James scored 22 points and George contributed 18 for the East.

Kevin Love scored 13 points for the West, which also had 12 points and 11 assists from Steph Curry and 11 points and 13 assists from Chris Paul.

Spectacular slam dunks, high passes that were jammed in the hoop by high-leaping teammates, fast break drives and no-look passes were featured in the contest, with

moves that would typically be rare in regular-season matchups drawing roars from the crowd in the more relaxed all-star atmosphere on display in the "Big Easy."

The West set an All-Star Game one-half scoring record by a single point on the way to an 89-76 half-time lead, with the teams combining to break the mark for the most total points in a half at 165, eight more than the old mark.



Durant had 22 points in the first half while West teammate Blake Griffin had 18 in the first quarter alone.

"Guys were just looking for me," Griffin said. "It's an all-star game. Not a whole lot of defense being played so I tried to take advantage of it."

Houston guard James Harden replaced injured star Kobe Bryant in the West starting lineup, with the Los Angeles Lakers guard watching from the

stands.

With retired Chinese star Yao Ming also among the NBA legends watching, the East opened the game with an 11-2 run.

But Griffin slammed down eight dunks on 9-of-11 shooting and San Antonio guard Tony Parker sank a layup that gave the West a 44-42 lead after one quarter.

Both All-Star squads visited iconic 1960s Boston Celtics center Bill Russell, who turned 80 four days earlier, between the first and second quarters.

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